

## **PROPOSAL F2003-14**

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**Reason for changing the regulation:** The current regulation requires the subsistence user to mark and record their salmon as they are caught. For fishwheel operators and dip netters, it is difficult to mark salmon and record harvest on their permits until the end of the fishing period at which point the individual(s) are preparing to leave the fishing site. The clarification will allow the subsistence users to quantify their catch and enter the total number harvested in a given attempt, rather than individually marking each salmon as it is caught.

**Effect of change on fish or shellfish populations:** This will not impact salmon populations. It may provide more accurate harvest information.

**Effect of change on subsistence users:** Changing this regulation will remove the burden on the subsistence user to mark and record on their permit as each individual salmon is harvested and allow them to report total harvest prior to leaving the fishing site.

### **Additional Information:**

**Proposed by:** Wrangell-St. Elias National Park and Preserve Subsistence Resource Commission, Copper Center